

**AN ENDODONTIC OBTURATOR WITH REMOVABLE CARRIER**

**AND METHOD OF USE THEREOF**

**Reference to Pending Applications**

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~~or international patent application.~~

**Reference to Microfiche Appendix**

This application is not referenced in any Microfiche Appendix.

**Background of the Invention**

10 One of the greatest improvements made in dentistry in this century is the use of endodontics to save natural teeth that become abscessed. In the past, when the root canal of a tooth became abscessed, a fairly frequent occurrence, a dentist could relieve the intense pain produced by the abscessed tooth only by extracting the tooth. In the last couple of decades, procedures have been improved to the point that by the practice of endodontics, most abscessed teeth can now be saved.

15 Endodontics in general consists of treating an abscessed tooth to relieve the abscess by cleaning out the nerve and pulpal tissue in the tooth root canal so as to remove the material that is the source of infection and thereby remove the infection itself from within the tooth and from within the patient's system.

The typical procedure for treating an abscessed tooth in the modern dental practice is to drill a hole through the coronal area to access the upper end of the root canal. The dentist, or endodontic

Amendments to the Specifications

gn Please insert on Page 1 of the specification, under "References to Pending Applications".

gn \*This is a divisional application taken from United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/925,988 filed on August 9, 2001 and issued as United States Patent No. 6,644,972 on November 11, 2003, which is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/481,611 filed January 12, 2000 and issued as United States Patent No. 6,312,261.